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REMARKS

Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. The claimed invention takes in a number of factors and determines a position for a slider on a trailer. The prior art does not meet this limitation. The examiner argues that Hamilton, et al. discloses determining a desired position for an axle. This does not appear to be accurate, at least from the portions of Hamilton, et al. cited by the examiner. The examiner then argues that the claims to a slider are unpatentable since applicant has admitted that sliders are known. It is not applicant's point that sliders are novel. Rather, the claimed invention properly positions the sliders based upon determined information. Simply, the prior art does not meet this limitation, and the claims are allowable.

While the examiner rejects other claims over several secondary and tertiary references, none of these references overcome the deficiency of the references to reject the independent claims 2 and 12 as amended. As such, the claims are all allowable.

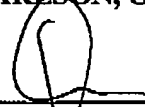
Applicant has also supplied amended figures. The numeral 50 in prior Figure 4 has been changed to 150, and the element 150 has been added to Figure 3.

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Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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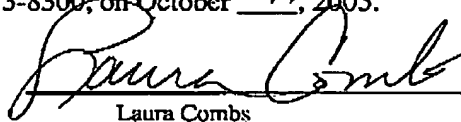


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